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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, V. BRADLEY REGER, Defendant. Case No. 2:23-CR-00177-DC EX PARTE APPLICATION TO SEAL DECLARATIONS OF COUNSEL REQUEST AND [PROPOSED] ORDER FILED UNDER SEAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant Bradley Reger moves the Court for leave to file two declarations of counsel under seal. One declaration, described as Declaration 1 will be served on counsel for the government. A second declaration, described as Declaration 2, will **not** be served on counsel for the government.

The application is made upon the grounds that good cause exists to file the declarations under seal. Courts have found ex parte requests permissible. *U.S. v. Kravetz*, 709 F.3d 47, 53 (1st Cir. 2013). A defendant should be permitted to make an *ex parte* application where "identification of the

source of evidence potentially imperils the source or integrity of evidence; or where notice of subpoena duces tecum would compromise defense counsel's trial strategy; or where a constitutional interest of a defendant is implicated." *U.S. v. Sellers*, 275 F.R.D. 620, 624-625 (D. Nev. 2011).

This Court has the authority to file documents under seal pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1(d). Both declarations contain personal financial information of defense team members. Declaration 2 is protected by the attorney-client privilege and the work product privilege, including defense trial strategy. Failure to seal these declarations would impinge upon Mr. Reger's constitutional rights as well as the privacy rights of defense team members.

There is good cause for this court to use its authority under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1(d) to file the declarations under seal.

Dated: September 3, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

The court, having received, read and considered the Defendant's *Ex Parte* Application to Seal and good cause appearing therefrom, GRANTS the *Ex Parte* Application. Accordingly, the Declarations in Support of the Defendant's Motion to Continue Trial shall be SEALED until further order of the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 4, 2025

Dena Coggins

United States District Judge